

**Weather Forecast**  
Partly cloudy Sunday. Monday cooler and probably rains.

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**Good Morning—**  
Fear not to confide in a man's word, who is punctual in his money-payments.—E. Foster.

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## TENSE SITUATION OVER REPARATION ROW UNRELIEVED

Good Offices of U. S. May Have Been Tendered

## WASHINGTON IS SILENT

Delicacy of Situation Is Putting Muzzle on Talkers

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, Dec. 16.—Premier Poincare, it is understood, has received an informal intimation from the state department in Washington that the United States is willing to consider a plan whereby she may aid in the settlement of the reparations question in the interest of the general economical situation in Europe.  
It was said that it is a fact that no official communication had been received from the American government and that French officials circled would await more definite information before commenting upon President Harding's supposed plans. A high official, however, unburdened himself to the extent of admitting that the French government was sufficiently worried over the question to welcome any sort of help.  
"It would be interesting to know," asserted this authority, "whether the good will of Germany is taken into account in the new plan, and whether its author has reflected that putting Germany on her feet is not the only thing required, but that it is necessary she be convinced her treaty obligations must be fulfilled."  
The French government is represented as not yet disposed to release Germany from the pledges given to the allies under the treaty of Versailles to guarantee the payment of reparations. It is regarded as possible, however, to those close to Premier Poincare that the French point of view might be changed if France could be assured that the portion assigned to her in any new settlement would really be paid.

**Washington Just Speculating.**  
Washington, Dec. 16.—A stone wall of official silence still surrounds administration purposes with regard to American aid in the German reparations deadlock.

The one hint allowed to escape from the lips of responsible officials today was negative at best. It implied that decisions as to the government's course still were to be made and was coupled with a warning that most of the published conjectures as to that course had gone wide of the mark.

Paris dispatches saying that Premier Poincare had been sounded out internally with a view to Washington intervention toward unearthing the reparations knot, afforded a glimpse of the method Secretary Hughes is employing to bring American influence to bear.

This "informal" method of approaching the problem, a white house spokesman said yesterday, cannot be conducted on "the stage."

The Paris dispatch did not draw officials here from the entrenchment of silence. But it aroused great interest in so far as it reflected the official attitude in Paris toward the general principle of American helplessness in the emergency.

In view of the situation that brought about the Anglo-French reparations deadlock at London, it seems probable that any American overtures must be predicated upon a knowledge that they would be welcome both in London and Paris.

It is that preliminary stage of negotiation which now is in progress. Diplomatic usage would not sanction an offer of good offices or help in any other form until it was certain it would be accepted.

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WILL NOT MEET FURMAN**  
(By United Press.)  
Greenville, S. C., Dec. 16.—Furman and the University of Florida have broken by mutual consent their long-year contract which calls for a game in Greenville on October 6 of next year, and the two institutions will not meet in football in 1923, it was announced today.

## Mrs. Story Plans to Bring Traducers Out Into the Open

(By Associated Press)  
New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. William C. Story, former president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who was indicted in 1918 on charges of larceny of war relief funds, today cast her hat into the ring as a third term candidate, declaring she did so largely "to bring into the open" the charges against her.

Mrs. Story, who twice has held the D. A. R. presidency general, never was brought to trial, the indictment finally being dismissed. She hopes during the campaign to put herself on "public trial" on the larceny charge, which grew out of a contract with an advertising man.

## KELLER SITS TIGHT AND WILL NEITHER FISH OR CUT BAIT

Committee Hesitates and Keller's Bluffing Sticks

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 16.—What action should be taken as a result of the refusal of Representative Keller to appear and testify as to his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty will be considered Monday by the judiciary committee.  
For a second time today Mr. Keller failed to personally respond to a formal subpoena served on him after his dramatic withdrawal Thursday from further participation before the committee. Some members wanted to transfer the case to the house immediately with a view to contempt proceedings there, but others were not so certain that the committee had authority to do so, since Mr. Keller had served formal notice through his counsel that he stood on his rights as a member of the house. It was his position that the committee clearly had exceeded its constitutional powers in issuing the subpoena, which, it was contended, carried back of it the threat that if he did not appear he would be cited for contempt.

At the same time the committee voted to resume hearings on the impeachment charges next Tuesday. Witnesses will include Representatives Woodruff of Michigan, and Johnson of South Dakota, republicans, who have attacked the attorney general in the house for alleged failure to prosecute war fraud cases vigorously. It also was stated that the committee would examine officials of the department of justice who had handled cases cited in Mr. Keller's specifications against the attorney general.

## Many Injured On Elevated as Trains Collide

(By Associated Press)  
New York, Dec. 16.—A rear-end collision of trains on an elevated "shuttle" line of the Interborough subway system occurred tonight on a branch which connects the Lexington avenue line with the West Farms district.

A number of persons were reported to have been injured. A corps of ambulances and police reserves were rushed to the scene.

First reports by police were that the injured numbered 25, of whom Motorman Kehoe was said to be dying. Many of the others were seriously injured.

The collision occurred just at the tail end of the theater rush hour at the Hunts Point station of the Lexington avenue branch located at Elmdale and Westchester avenues.

Both trains were southbound and were well filled with passengers. The first was standing alongside the station platform, high above the street when the second train crashed into it from the rear, telescoping the last car of the standing train.

The injured were taken to Fordham hospital.

## POSSE IN HILLS FOR LAST MEMBER MOONSHINE GANG

One Dead, Four in Jail; Three Officers Are Killed

(By Associated Press)  
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 16.—In an effort to eradicate entirely the Ballard moonshine gang, held responsible for the death of three federal officers in just a week of fighting, a fourth posse took to the hills of Menifee county this afternoon to find Charles Ballard, last of the outlaws to remain at large. He is a brother of Bob Ballard, leader of the gang, slain yesterday after he had killed a government officer. Charles Ballard is known to be seriously wounded.  
Jeff Ballard, father of the Ballard boys; another son, Albert; Henry Ressitt, Will Ferguson and Joe Clem, neighbors, are in jail here. They were captured yesterday following the clash which resulted in Bob Ballard's death.

The elder Ballard said Charles had promised to surrender today, but expressed the fear that his son would be dead from his wounds when the posse finds him.

The round up of the Ballard gang was completed tonight with the capture of Charles Ballard.

## WITNESSES WORRY WHEN TESTIFYING IN HERRIN TRIAL

Farmers Organize for Security Against Outrages

(By Associated Press)  
Marion, Ill., Dec. 16.—Sworn to protect the lives of their members who have testified for the prosecution at the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin mine riots, a secret organization of farmers today was reported to have been formed in Williamson and Johnson counties, according to investigators from the office of Attorney General Edward Brundage.  
"For the life of every farmer taken as the result of his testimony, we will exact the toll of ten lives of his attackers," was said to have been the words spread over the countryside.  
One of the witnesses heard yesterday just before the adjournment over Sunday, was said by one of the state lawyers to have broken down and wept just before taking the stand and to have pleaded that he be excused.  
"I don't mind for myself," he was quoted as having said, "but I have a wife and family to consider."

## Meeting Called to Consider U. S. Army Reduction

(By Associated Press)  
New York, Dec. 16.—A committee of 100 prominent men and women appointed by Alton B. Parker, president of the National Civic Federation to consider two questions: Whether the United States shall participate in international affairs and whether it is advisable to reduce the American army and navy, will meet in Washington on January 16, it was announced today.

## SEABOARD FLYER WRECKED

(By Associated Press)  
Plant City, Dec. 16.—At 7 o'clock tonight a track around the wreck of the west coast night limited Seaboard Air Line passenger train which was derailed here at an early hour this morning, had been completed, permitting trains to pass over the S. A. L. tracks for the first time since the wreck. No one was injured in the derailment.

## EXPECTING VISITORS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hart will shelve their guests, following the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, of White Lake, South Dakota, who will remain in Palatka several months. Mrs. Barnes is sister of Mrs. Hart.

## "Dr." Page's Bond Is Reduced So He Can Leave Jail

(By Associated Press)  
West Palm Beach, Dec. 16.—County Judge Chillingworth has agreed to reduce to \$500 the bond of "Dr." C. Wade Page, of Tampa, charged with forgery of an instrument purporting to be the will of the late J. H. Smith, "mystery man," who died in a local hospital several months ago and who was discovered to have \$37,000 in the First National bank here. The bond is now \$1,000. Morey Dunn, attorney for Page, says that an acceptable bond will be made next week.  
Page has been in jail since his arrest in Tampa three weeks ago.

## PROTEST ENTERED AGAINST TURKEY EXPULSION PLANS

Great Britain Insists on Mosul Oil Fields Rights

(By Associated Press)  
Lausanne, Dec. 16.—Voicing the sentiment widespread throughout the United States, the American delegation today entered a protest at the conference against the Turkish plan to expel the Greek patriarch from Constantinople. No decision on this important matter was reached by the delegates.  
The dispute over the Mosul oil fields suddenly brought to the front again by the British memorandum insisting on Great Britain's mandatory rights, has likewise made no progress toward settlement.

Riza Nur Bey, the second Turkish plenipotentiary, informed the Associated Press tonight that Turkey would yield on neither of these questions—the patriarch must go and Mosul must be recognized as Turkish.  
"We have done nothing but make concessions since our arrival," he asserted.

The American delegate declared in his statement that "an intolerable injustice would be done," if Turkey insisted on expelling the patriarch.  
The conference will continue to wrestle with the problems Monday.

## Prominent Alachua County Man Is Shot By Micanopy Man

(By Associated Press)  
Gainesville, Dec. 16.—Herbert Merry, member of a prominent family in this section, was shot and possibly fatally wounded at Micanopy this morning by B. O. Franklin, well-known lumberman, following an altercation which took place in the heart of town. Franklin later visited Gainesville, where a warrant was served charging him with assault with intent to murder. He was released in \$500 bail.

Physician attending Merry he had a fair chance to recover.

According to witnesses, Merry advanced upon Franklin with a knife and after warning him Franklin fired from a .32 c will prove a lot. The bullet lodged in Merry's neck and ranged downward. Its beauty of out below the armpit. "Less reproduce."

Franklin said he and the victim at argued yesterday and photographs. He died today when the streets.

Merry is an expressman on the Atlantic Coast Line.

## KISSIMEE WILL BE COMMISSIONERS

(By Associated Press)  
Kissimmee, Dec. 16.—The commission-manager form in Pen is an ideal Christmas gift. was voted here today and attractive gift designs. Choose of 65 votes. George and Kats and A. S. 'are getting the BEST ed commissioners.

## FLORIDA SENATORS URGE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT BRYAN

Jax Editor Suggested as Member of the Tariff Commission

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 16.—Senators Duncan U. Fletcher and Park Trammell called today on President Harding to urge the appointment of Judge N. P. Bryan, of Jacksonville, to the United States supreme court to succeed Judge Pitney.

The Florida senators also endorsed Judge O. K. Reeves, of Tampa, to be federal judge of the southern district of Florida, A. S. Hough, editor of The Times-Union of Jacksonville, for membership on the tariff commission.

## KLAN DISCUSSION WAXES STRONG AT GOVERNORS' MEET

"Organization Doomed," Said Governor of Kansas

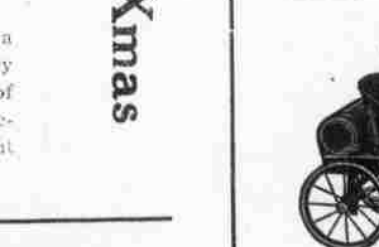
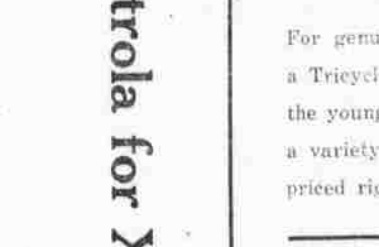
(By Associated Press)  
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 16.—The fourteenth annual conference of governors ended tonight with a spirited discussion of the Klan. Many of the executives prepared to leave for Washington to accept President Harding's call to discuss prohibition with him at luncheon.

An executive conference of Governor Cox of Indiana, was held.

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## Overstreet Freed of Murder Charge by Dade City Jury

(By Associated Press)  
Dade City, Dec. 16.—After being out fifty minutes, the jury in the case of Paul Overstreet, charged with the murder of J. V. Waters, prohibition agent, who, with A. F. Crenshaw, a deputy sheriff, was killed on the night of October 4, returned a verdict of not guilty late tonight.

Preston Overstreet, cousin of Paul, and who went on trial with him, was acquitted by an instructed verdict yesterday. Both men are under indictment charged with the murder of Crenshaw.

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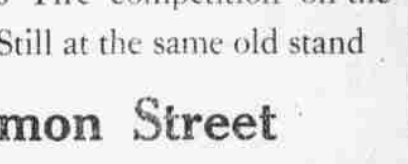
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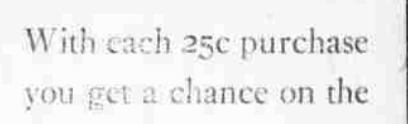
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